A.—(*a*) The council first levied the tax for three years from 1915–16 to 1917–18. It discontinued the levy of tax afterwards but has reimposed it from 1st April 1926.

(*b*) On 1st April 1928 the council had Rs. 1,46,312-8-6 under investments and Rs. 51,751-14-9 in cash. The council expects also to realize Rs. 55,000 from water-tax and Rs. 5,500 from interest on investments in the current year.

(*c*) In 1929–30.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The question does not arise.

(*g*) The question does not arise.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know what is the amount that would be provided for in the next year ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Two lakhs of grant and half-a-lakh for loan."

Compensation for failure of crops to ryots under the Red Hills Lake.

* 1195 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the hon. the Minister for Public Health attended a conference of the ryots in the neighbourhood of the Red Hills lake and received an address ;

(*b*) whether he (the hon. the Minister) promised the assembled ryots compensation for failure of crops due to insufficient supply of water ;

(*c*) whether he made this promise as a representative of the Government ; and

(*d*) if so, when the Government decided to give compensation ?

A.—(*a*) There was no conference ; an address was presented by the Red Hills Ryots' Association.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Public Health whether after the receipt of the address from Red Hills Ryots' Association he said in reply that he sympathised with the sufferings of those ryots and also promised compensation either from the Corporation or from the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I am afraid the hon. Member has not exactly understood what I said. I did sympathise with them and said that if for three crops they have suffered on account of insufficient supply of water and this year also water is not given to them, they would be entitled to compensation and that I would do what I can in the matter."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" Was it done with the consent of the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Absolutely, there was no necessity to consult. In my own capacity I said they would be entitled to compensation."

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Is this one of the portfolios which are being administered by the hon. the Minister for Public Health ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" This is not my portfolio. I said that not in my capacity as Minister but in my individual capacity."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask whether the address was presented to the Minister as Minister or as Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar, M.L.C., Tanjore district ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It was addressed to Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar, who was also Minister."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether he answered as Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar, M.L.C., or as a Minister of His Excellency's Government ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I did not preface my speech by saying ' S. Muthiah Mudaliyar ' or ' Minister '."

Fisheries

Memorial regarding the opening of a separate Fisheries Training Institute at Mangalore.

*1196 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether a memorial was presented last year by the fishermen of South Kanara asking for a separate Fisheries Training Institute at Mangalore ;

(b) whether the Director of Fisheries has proposed the establishment of a Technological school in South Kanara for providing training to fishermen youths and adults in special branches of the fishing industry ; and

(c) whether the Government have considered the above memorial and proposal and have arrived at any decision regarding the matter ?

A.—(a) A representation was received from a deputation of the fishermen community in 1927 asking for the opening of a Fisheries Technical school at Mangalore.

(b) Proposals have been made by the Director of Fisheries for the establishment of such an Institute at Mangalore for the training of teachers required to staff the fishermen elementary schools in South Kanara district.

(c) The Government are awaiting the report of the Madras Fisheries Committee.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I know whether the committee proposes to take any evidence in South Kanara in regard to this matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It is left to the committee."